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AMENDMENT, ALBERT W. CARPENTER, AID/LA/C-1154

SUMMARY: EMBASSY SUBMITTING FORMAL REQUEST FOR RETENTION OF PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTED TECHNICIAN ALBERT W. CARPENTER THROUGH AN AMENDMENT FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION TO PRESENT CONTRACT AS DISCUSSED WITH AND APPROVED BY S/NM REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDER DURING RECENT TDY IN MEXICO. TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED WITH OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA, AND HE APPROVED COURSE OF ACTION. AG OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION WILL ATTAIN ITS SECOND YEAR OF OPERATION SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN JULY 1976. WHILE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN TECHNICAL, OPERATIONAL, AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS IS EVIDENT, EMBASSY JUDGES USG TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE CONTINUES TO BE A PRIME FACTOR TO ATTAIN INSTITUTIONAL VIABILITY AND ULTIMATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FY 78 AND 79 TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT INVOLVES THE EXPENDITURE OF APPROXIMATELY $2.5 MILLION TO UPGRADE AND EXPAND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
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GENERAL'S COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. CARPENTER PROVIDES THE BILINGUAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE BOTH IN MEXICO CITY AND THROUGHOUT THE WIDELY DISPERSED ZONE HEADQUARTERST, ADVANCE, AND AUXILIARY BASES WHICH COVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. ESSENTIALLY, HE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE AG OFFICE IN ALL PHASES OF PLANNING, TRAINING, SUPPLY, PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OP-

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ERATIONS.

2. THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, ESTABLISHED ITS OWN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES DIVISION AFTER MANY YEARS OF MAINTAINING A COSTLY, INEFFECTIVE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A LOCAL COMPANY. THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY FULL-TIME REGULAR AG EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE DIVISION WHICH INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE, OPERATIONAL, AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, WITH PROJECTED GROWTH TO MEET NEW REQUIREMENTS. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION RECENTLY MOVED TO ITS NEW FACILITY WHICH WAS FUNDED BY THE GOM WITH THE SETTLEMENT CLAIM PAID BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CERTAIN INSURED AIRCRAFT TOTALLY DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF LINE-OF DUTY ACCIDENTS, UNQUOTE

3. THERE ARE FOUR COSTLY SUBPROJECTS PRESENTLY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OR DEVELOPMENT STAGE WHICH, WHILE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, REPRESENT ADVANCED ELECTRONICS, I.E., THE ELECTRO-OPTICAL SCANNING AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS, THE PRECISION POSITION NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM, THE FLIGHT FOLLOWING SYSTEM, AND THE AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING UNIT. DURING PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DIVERSE TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS OF EXPERTISE, THE EMBASSY'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY
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TECHNICIANS WERE TASKED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL RESPONSES. EMBASSY ENVISIONS THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL CONTINUE AND IN SOME CASES OUR TELECOM ADVISORS MAY BE TASKED TO FUNCTION AS THE PROJECT MANAGER.

4. FUNDING INFORMATION: CONTRACTOR REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE CONTRACT.

A. PAID HOME LEAVE TRAVEL BE AUTHORIZED UPON COMPLETION OF INITIAL TWO-YEAR CONTRACT, JULY 31, 1978.
TRAVEL TO BE TAKEN DURING FIRST YEAR OF NEW CONTRACT.
TRAVEL CHARGED TO ANNUAL LEAVE.

B. NOTIFICATION IN WRITING FOUR MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF INTENTION TO EXTEND CONTRACT BEYOND JULY 31, 1980, OR TERMINATION OF CONTRACT.

C. SALARY FIGURE FOR FIRST YEAR OF NEW CONTRACT TO BE BASED ON PRESENT SALARY ($27,540), PLUS 12.1 PERCENT INCREASE (NEW FIGURE ($30,872.00). THIS WOULD REPRESENT 7.1 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE RECEIVED BY U.S.

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ON NOV. 1, 1977, AND A 5 PERCENT GENERAL PROFICIENCY INCREASE.
D. AUTHORIZATION OF AN ESTIMATED 7.1 PERCENT COST-OF LIVING INCREASE FOR NOVEMBER 1978 AND NOVEMBER 1979 EFFECTIVE SAME DATE AFFORDED U S. EMBASSY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

BASED ON THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS, THE COST FOR THE TWO-YEAR RENEWAL WOULD BE $72,540 BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

SALARY: $67,340
FICA: $ 2,200

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TRAVEL AND
PER DIEM $ 3,000 (TRAVEL AND PER DIEM INCLUDES HOME LEAVE.)
TOTAL: $72,540

NO PROVISION WAS MADE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF EFFECTS, (RETURN TRAVEL), OTHER COSTS OR IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL SINCE BALANCE AVAILABLE FROM PRESENT CONTRACT AS OF MAY 31, 1978, IS $6,900, 1,400, AND 4,100
RESPECTIVELY.

5. REQUESTED ACTION: THAT S/NM APPROVE EMBASSY REQUEST FOR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION FOR CARPENTER'S CONTRACT AND EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING AND EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT PRIOR TO THE JULY 31 TERMINATION DATE. ADVISE. LUCEY

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